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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIDEKI MATSUMOTO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/826,174

Filed: April 5, 2001

For: DEVELOPING DEVICE, PROCESS  
CARTRIDGE AND  
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

Examiner: S. Lee

Group Art Unit: 2852

October 21, 2002  
(Monday)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

*Petition for Extension of Time*

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2002, for one month, from September 19, 2002 up to and including Monday, October 21, 2002. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

*Amendment*

In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendments and remarks.

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IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

--A DEVELOPING DEVICE, A PROCESS CARTRIDGE, AND AN  
ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AN  
AMOUNT OF DEVELOPER--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 2, line 9 and ending at line 23. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

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--In an electrophotographic image forming apparatus using the electrophotographic image forming process, use has been made of the process cartridge type in which the process cartridge comprises as a unit the electrophotographic photosensitive member and process means actable on the electrophotographic photosensitive member, the unit being detachably mountable to the main assembly of the electrophotographic image forming apparatus. With the use of the process cartridge type apparatus, the maintenance operation can be carried out in effect by the users without the necessity of relying on serviceman, and therefore, the operability is improved. Therefore, the process cartridge type apparatus is widely used in the field of electrophotographic image forming apparatus.--

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 2, line 24 and ending at page 3, line 2. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto is attached.

--With the electrophotographic image forming apparatus of such a process cartridge type, the user exchanges the cartridge by himself or herself. Therefore, there is provided a